

From Pastor John's Daily Journal

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### HEAD

1. What does it say? [Read Psalm 1:3]

*"They will be standing firm like a flourishing tree planted by God's design, deeply rooted by the brooks of bliss; bearing fruit in every season of their lives. They are never dry, never fainting, ever blessed, ever prosperous."*

2. What does it mean?

"They" refers to heart-followers of Jesus Christ who choose to be "deeply rooted by the brooks of bliss" – HIS PRESENCE!!!...our life is DELIGHTFUL as we determine not to emulate and adopt the behaviors and lifestyles of those who do not fear God. Instead, we discover the HEART OF GOD and HIS INCREDIBLE LOVE FOR US, awakening a PASSION, a DELIGHT in Him and WHO WE ARE as HIS CHILDREN!

Verse 3 speaks of a life of INCREDIBLE CONFIDENCE and STRENGTH as we DISCOVER, DEVELOP and LIVE GOD'S DREAM for our LIVES! God's perspective allows us to seek and enjoy a life that is BLESSED and is a BLESSING to OTHERS. It is a life that is ever-aware of how near God is to us, ever-watching and guiding us forward to the BEST LIFE EVER!

### HEART

3. What does it mean to me?

In Christ, I am especially designed to be a "fruitful blessing" to everyone I encounter. My potential to share LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS and SELF-CONTROL [Galatians 5:22-23] is never-ending because God has placed these qualities in me, revealed and powered by the Holy Spirit. There is never a time when His fruit is unavailable to me...and the personal satisfaction of living a life that pleases Him DAILY is beyond measure! And when I am weak, He is there to make me strong! I have been made to STAND FIRM and live a FRUITFUL, DELIGHTFUL LIFE!!!

### HANDS

4. What will I do?

*"Lord, as I start 2018, help me to fellowship with You daily, DELIGHTING IN YOU, spending time in Your Word, discovering more about Your heart as I listen to Your Loving Voice as You speak to my heart. I want to bear Your good fruit every day! Please help me at the intersection of my choices – choosing YOU and YOUR WAYS!"*